



Equity Council Agenda

Zoom Meeting Time: March 31, 2021 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Welcomes & Introductions

- Executive Office of Health and Human Services Secretary Womazetta Jones welcomed the Council members
- Governor Dan McKee gave opening remarks
- Members congratulated Equity Council member Sabina Matos on her nomination for the role of Lieutenant Governor

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Strategy Update | High-Density Community (HDC) Leads Sheena Gordon and Julian Drix

- The Rhode Island Department of Health is working with Equity Council members to establish equity-focused vaccination clinics on April 10th and 11th, and April 17th and 18th.
- People of color have had a faster decrease in hospitalization rates since the last COVID-19 surge, although the disparity in cases and hospitalizations between individuals of color and white populations persists.
- For more information on COVID-19 vaccination and the status vaccine distribution in Rhode Island, please visit <https://covid.ri.gov/vaccination>

Community Feedback: What are you hearing from the community? What should the State know?

- Members discussed the possibility of implementing mobile vaccination sites.
- A Council member from the City of Providence stated that they are coordinating logistics so that vans from the recreation department can be used to transport individuals to vaccination sites.
- A Council member suggested that RIDOH staff look into partnering with small businesses in communities of color to establish pop-up testing sites.

Next Steps

- State staff asked for Council members to recommend community locations to set up testing and vaccination sites.

Close

- Closing remarks given by Secretary Womazetta Jones

